

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A hot-pluggable peripheral input device coupling system is proposed, which is designed for use to couple one or more peripheral input devices, such as a keyboard and a mouse, to a network server, such as a blade server, for the purpose of allowing the user to input data and commands to the blade server via the keyboard and mouse. The proposed hot-pluggable peripheral input device coupling system is characterized by the provision of at least two management control modules with one serving as a redundant backup module to the other so that in the event of a failure to the active one, the blade server can nevertheless be functionally linked to the externally connected keyboard and mouse via the redundant backup module. The invention can therefore help enhance the efficiency of network system management on blade servers.

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